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SUBJECT: PANDA CONSULTANTS, LTD., (D.R.B. HELLING), &
ADVANCED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURERS

REF: (A) STATE 99761; (B) OEA/CD CASE 26(77)-2; (C) STATE 158795

- 1. ACCORDING TO STREET MAPS AND THE POST OFFICE DIRECTORY, 286 NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, LONDON NW10 (WHICH IS THE ADDRESS OF THE PROPOSED ADVANCED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURERS GIVEN BY MR. HELLING TO KASPER INSTRUMENTS), APPEARS TO BE IN THE CENTER OF A MIXED USE SITE COMPRISED OF A 100,000 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE BLOCK RECENTLY VACATED BY THE BOOK CENTRE LTD., TWO 30,000 SQUARE FOOT FACTORY UNITS WHICH ARE ALSO EMPTY, AND A 50,000 SQUARE FOOT WAREHOUSE OCCUPIED SINCE NOVEMBER 1977 BY COMET DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE, AS A BASE FOR THEIR ELECTRIC APPLIANCES AFTER SALES SERVICE.
- 2. THE ESTATE AGENTS HANDLING SALES AND RENTALS ON THIS SITE ARE WEATHERALL GREEN AND SMITH, OF CHANCERY LANE, LONDON WC2. THEIR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE HAD NO RECENT INQUIRIES FROM POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS WHICH COULD BE CLASSED AS BEING IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AND HAVE CONFIRMED OUR OBSERVATION THAT THIS SITE IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE AREA WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNTENANTED.

3. AN INSPECTION OF THE STATED ADDRESS AND SURROUNDING

AREA WAS MADE ON APRIL 27, 1978. ON CLOSE INSPECTION, THE FACTORY UNITS ARE IN GOOD STRUCTURAL REPAIR, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE WINDOWS HAVE BEEN BROKEN BY VANDALS, AND MOST OF THE FITTINGS AND PARTITIONS HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY THE FORMER OCCUPANTS. ADJACENT TO THE SITE IS A 33 KV SUBSTATION AND GAS TURBINE PEAK LOPPER, BUT NO 3 PHASE INDUSTRIAL POWER IS CURRENTLY LAID ON TO UNITS ON SITE.

- 4. THE TENANTS OF THE ONE OCCUPIED UNIT, COMET DISCOUNT CLARIFIED THE NUMBERING SYSTEM IN THE NW10 DISTRICT AND POINTED OUT THAT NUMBERS 246 TO 300 NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD BELONG TO A ROW OF TERRACED HOUSES NEXT TO THE FACTORY SITE, NOT CLEARLY VISIBLE TO DRIVERS ON THE MAIN ROAD, AND ACTUAL INSPECTION CONFIRMED THAT 286 IS IN FACT A SMALL PRIVATE HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS TERRACE.
- 5. ON JUNE 23 WHEN EMBASSY TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HELLING AT HIS RESIDENCE, WE WERE INFORMED BY HIS LAWYER THAT HE HAD DIED ON THE 21ST. THE CORONER CONFIRMED HELLING HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE EITHER ON 21ST OR 22ND; HIS BODY WAS DISCOVERED ON THE 22ND.
- 6. HELLING WAS 61 AND LEAVES A DAUGHTER WHO RESIDES IN LONDON.
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